1: Lattimore, Owen. Pivot of Asia: Sinkiang and the Inner Asian Frontiers of China and Russia. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1950.

Pp. xiv, 288.

Yale: Bj 24H. 950L.

[This book represents an overview of Sinkiang from the special vantage the author adopts, i.e., Sinkiang as the 'front door' to China on the landward side, and Sinkiang as the focal point for international tensions in the Inner Asian regions. The emphasis, therefore, is strongly on the side of political history, although materials on the peoples of Sinkiang (Chapter IV), geography and economic development (Chapter V) and several of the appendices, dealing with art, archeological findings, literature and oral art, etc., are sufficiently elaborated to be of considerable interest for research in cultural terms as well. This book is possibly the best English language source for much of this material. It is fortunate that although this is a group product of the Inner Asian Seminar, the disparate authorships have been fused into a consistent, sometimes elegant style. --Analyst]

Field date: none
Analyst: Leslie L. Clark

Evaluation: Historian--4
Processed in 1956

2: Norins, Martin R. Gateway to Asia: Sinkiang, Frontier of the Chinese Far West. New York: John Day Co., 1944.

Pp. 200.

Yale: Bj24.129.

[Based on a wide acquaintance of secondary sources, this book is largely an expanded paraphrase of Chinese material on Sinkiang, notably the writings of Tu Chung-yuan, the translation of which appears bodily in the appendix. The author spent two years in China during the Second World War but has not travelled in Sinkiang itself. An extended introduction by Owen Lattimore precedes the main text. Reference notes are found following the text. --Analyst]

Field date: 1939-1941
Analyst: Samuel C. Chu

Evaluation: Social Scientist--4
Processed in 1956

3: Skrine, C. P. Chinese Central Asia. London: Methuen and Company. 1926.

Pp. xvi, 306; 2 maps, 51 plates.

Yale: Eeab, 922s.

[The writer served as British Consul at Kashgar in Chinese Turkestan for over two years. During that time he made numerous trips throughout the area. Most of the information contained is on routes and travel conditions, but considerable data are also given on the native groups. Considerable space is devoted to Skrine's relations with the Chinese and other officials. --Analyst]

Field date: 1922-1924
Analyst: Frank W. Moore

Evaluation: Government Official-3
Processed in 1956